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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: MARINE GUARD AT KEFLAVIK
MAIN GATE

REF: REYKJAVIK 1236

1. THE AGREEMENT REMOVING MARINE GUARD AT KEFLAVIK MAIN GATE
EFFECTIVE NOV 1 WAS SIGNED 9:30 A.M. OCTOBER 22 BY CAPTAIN
MCDONALD, US CHRMN OF DEFENSE COUNCIL AND BY HANNES GUDMUNDSSON,
ICELANDIC MEMBER, IN PRESENCE OF FONMIN AGUSTSSON AND MYSELF
AT FONMINISTRY. PHOTOS WERE TAKEN SHOWING US STANDING BEHIND
SIGNORS. FONMINISTRY WILL ISSUE PRESS RELEASE STATING THIS ACT
RESULTS FROM FONMIN AGUSTSSON'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON OCT 4.
ADMIRAL COOLEY ALSO PRESENT AT CEREMONY.

2. AGREEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIN GATE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT MADE AND ENTERED INTO ON THIS
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TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER 1973, BY AND BETWEEN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE UNITED STATES, AND THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ICELAND, WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, ICELAND HAS REQUESTED THAT THE MILITARY GUARDS AT THE MAIN GATE BE REPLACED BY ICELANDIC POLICEMEN OR ICELANDIC CUSTOMS GUARDS, AND

RECOGNIZING, THAT IT MAY BE TO THE BEST INTEREST OF ICELAND AND THE UNITED STATES IF CUSTOMS CONTROL AT THE MAIN GATE AT KEFLAVIK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE MAINTAINED BY ICELANDIC POLICE OR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS,

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL CONVENANTS, PROMISES, AND UNDERTAKINGS HEREINAFTER CONTAINED, THE PARTIES DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I

THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE PERSONNEL AT THE MAIN GATE WILL BE REPLACED BY AN ICELANDIC POLICEMAN OR AN ICELANDIC CUSTOMS GUARD UNTIL 30 JUNE 1974 COMMENCING ON 1 NOVEMBER 1973.

II

COMPENSATION FOR MANNING THE DEFENSE FORCE PORTION OF THE MAIN GATE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES. THE DEFENSE FORCE WILL ALSO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR THE CLEANING OF THE BUILDINGS AT THE MAIN GATE OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE FOR THE CLEANING, WITHIN ITS OWN RESOURCES, AT THE OPTION OF THE DEFENSE FORCE. THIS COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID TO ICELAND THROUGH THE CHIEF OF POLICE, KEFLAVIK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IN AN AMOUNT WHICH WILL BE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, U.S. NAVAL STATION, KEFLAVIK, AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE, KEFLAVIK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

III

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THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED BY THE UNITED STATES OR ICELAND UPON THIRTY DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES ACCRUED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SUCH TERMINATION.

IV

POLICE AUTHORITIES OF THE DEFENSE FORCE AND KEFLAVIK

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SHALL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN THE
ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE MAIN GATE IN THE SAME
MANNER AS PRIOR TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

V

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT OR BIND EITHER
GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SIMILAR AGREEMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

VI

THE DUTIES, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ICE-
LAND UNDER THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE NORTH ATLAN-
TIC TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE RE-
PUBLIC OF ICELAND REMAIN UNALTERED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ICELAND AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE CAUSED
THIS AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED BY THEIR DULY CONSTITUTED OFFICERS
THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER 1973.

REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTING THE GOVT OF

OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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HANNES GUDMUNDSSON CAPTAIN JACK H. MCDONALD,
ICELANDIC/UNITES STATES U.S. NAVY
DEFENSE COUNCIL ICELANDIC/UNITED STATES
 DEFENSE COUNCIL
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